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Ashby Conservation Commission

Agenda for the Meeting of July 20, 2011

Ashby Town Hall, 895 Main St, Land Use Room, 7:30 PM

Opened the meeting at 7:36pm with Cathy Kristofferson, Bob Leary and Roberta Flashman in attendance.

Minutes of the meeting of July 6, 2011 were reviewed and accepted unanimously as written.

Treasurer's Report: Paid \$155.00 to MACC. 135 in NOI fees deposited to wetland acct. We are now in FY12 budget.

Correspondence:

Trust for Public Land – report.

NRWA – newsletter

Mass Wildlife News.

Old Business:

Commission signed the Order Of Conditions for 89 Jewett Hill Road. Will be mailed by 7/26. DEP# 93-329

Further discussion regarding 864 South Road. The house being built is a full 2-story house. Cathy found the ZBA decision – “the structure retain the character of the current neighborhood.” Cathy had discussions with Lorraine about the decisions by ZBA. The size of the building 20x24 and 2 stories on the application is not refuted by the ZBA decision. And so, the proposed structure stands.

Tim signed and delivered Septic plans to BOH (from Ross Associates) for 210 Scott Road. No wetlands issues.

Allen Road lots 2 & 3 further work being done. Cutting outside the limit of work and between the stream and the road, which is prohibited in the Order of Conditions. Also open trench question. Tim spoke with operator – 3 trees taken to clear for utility lines into the lot. Also notified operator of open trench law and their violation of that law for trench for well drilling. Well drilling to occur on 7/20/11 – Cathy confirms that this did occur.

New Business:

Cara Sanford (Americacorp worker with NRWA) to follow up on the Ashby OSRP draft-edits. Suggested; July 20th, 7:30 PM. Good start. We need to add the Ashby detail in contrast to the regional data. Cathy will start on it. Also asked for information on funding sources for the action plan at the back of the open space plan. Roberta will look up the survey results.

Jim Hubert 978-302-5611(cell), energy efficiency committee – looking for site for solar farm. Would like Commission's take on the wetlands behind the field at fire station. Cathy will email a map of the area with the wetlands clearly labeled.

Today is the first day that the stream next to the post office is not flowing. Even Willard brook has slowed to close to a trickle.

Hearings:

8:00 PM, NOI from Doug Smith of SoilSmith for the Lightfoot property on Turnpike Road. Continued the hearing to 8/3/11 @ 8:00 because failed to mail abutter notices. The is no DEP number issued yet. Cathy will email and remind that he needs to file the NOI.

Hearings Scheduled:

8/3/11 8:00 PM, NOI from Doug Smith of SoilSmith for the Lightfoot property on Turnpike Road

Site Visits:

Sunday July10, 2011 Doug Smith of SoilSmith regarding the Lightfoot property on Turnpike Road. Will submit an NOI for meeting of July 20, 8:00 PM. Bob, Cathy, Roberta, & Tim

7-10-11, 427 Main Street, septic replacement from Tim Beauchamin for Lloyd Johnson. Tim signed the plans as all outside the 100 ft. buffer. Bob, Cathy, Roberta, & Tim

7-10-11, 12 Ingerson Road, septic replacement from Tim Beauchamin for Michaud property. Tim signed the plans as all outside the 100 ft. buffer. Bob, Cathy, Roberta, & Tim

7-10-11 Commission visited Valley Rd to observe the sand and sediment overreaching the abandoned road and silting in Willard Brook. Will determine a plan of action.

7-10-11, 445 Fitchburg State Road to observe the siltation wattles. Bob, Roberta and Cathy.

7-17-11, Allen Road/Pomerleau. Reported cutting outside limit of work. Roberta and Cathy.

Site Visits Needed:

Review of field and property for ability to clear for solar farm.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta Flashman